

Ship and Voyage Details

- **Name of ship:** S.S. CAPE ANN
 - **Official number:** 242,956
 - **Port of registry:** Los Angeles
 - **Operator (1945):** American Mail Line / War Shipping Administration
 - **Name of master:** D. J. Benson
 - **Date of commencement of voyage:** July 6, 1945
 - **Nature of voyage or employment:** Foreign
 - **Date of end of voyage:** Oct. 24, 1945
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Draft Records

<u>Port of sailing</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Forward Draft</u>	<u>Aft Draft</u>
San Francisco	7/10/45	7' 0"	12' 0"
Los Angeles	8/1/45	18' 3"	24' 5"
Batangas, P.I.	9/16/45	15' 6"	21' 6"
Eniwetok	9/25/45	17' 4"	24' 0"

Voyage #7 Timeline (July – October 1945)

Based on the logbook entries, here is the chronological timeline of the vessel's journey from San Francisco to the Philippines and back to Stockton:

Departure and Initial Transit

- **July 6, 1945:** Voyage #7 officially begins with the crew signing on and wages commencing.
- **July 16, 1945:** The vessel departs anchorage at San Francisco at 1:17 P.M..
- **July 18, 1945:** Arrives at berth in Los Angeles at 12:29 P.M..
- **August 1, 1945:** Departs berth at Long Beach at 6:58 P.M..

Pacific Crossing

- **August 4, 1945:** Crosses longitude 136° West, moving from bonus area classification III into area II.
- **August 8, 1945:** Passes close to Honolulu to transfer a sick crew member to a shore doctor via small boat; the vessel does not enter the harbor.
- **August 13–14, 1945:** Crosses the 180° meridian (International Date Line) westbound, moving into bonus area I.

Philippine Operations

- **August 25, 1945:** Arrives at Batangas, Philippine Islands, at 10:56 A.M..
- **September 16, 1945:** Departs anchorage at Batangas at 7:14 A.M..

Return Journey

- **September 24, 1945:** Arrives at Eniwetok at 12:31 P.M..
- **September 25, 1945:** Departs Eniwetok at 6:53 P.M..
- **September 29, 1945:** Crosses the 180° meridian eastbound at 8:00 P.M., at which point most bonus pay ceases.

Arrival and Voyage Conclusion

- **October 7, 1945:** Arrives at anchorage in San Francisco at 8:46 P.M..
- **October 8, 1945:** Departs San Francisco anchorage at 5:57 A.M. and arrives at the final berth in Stockton at 4:35 P.M..

Based on the provided ship's logbook image, here are the extracted entries organized by date:

Ship's Logbook Entries (July 1945)

July 6th, 1945

- **Entry:** Signed on crew this day for voyage #7. Wages to begin today.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

July 16th

- **Entry:** Left anchorage at San Francisco 1:17 P.M.
- **Draft Leaving:** F. 7' 00" / A. 17' 00" / M. 12' 00".
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

July 18th

- **Entry:** Arrived berth Los Angeles 12:29 P.M.
- **Draft Arriving:** F. 6' 08" / A. 17' 08" / M. 12' 02".
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

July 27th (Personnel Actions)

- **Entry 1:** Wallace G. Coulter, acting A.B., reported by shore doctor to have gonorrhea.
- **Entry 2:** Jose R. De Leon, wiper, reported by shore doctor to have a severe rectal fistula.
- **Action Taken:** Both of these men found unfit for sea duty and were paid off this day by U.S. Shipping Commissioner at San Pedro.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

July 27th (New Crew)

- **Entry:** Signed on this day Jack L. McBride, A.B., before the U.S. Shipping Commissioner at San Pedro.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

July 31st, 1945

- **Entry 1:** Fire and boat drill held in presence of U.S.C.G. inspectors. 3:00 P.M. Water on all hoses, 100 lbs. pressure. 3:06 Abandon ship drill. Starboard lifeboat lowered in water and crew instructed in boat handling. 3:35 P.M. Boat raised from water and secured. 3:40 P.M. Crew dismissed from drill.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.
- **Entry 2:** Otis D. Shreves, wiper, signed on this day before U.S. Shipping Commissioner at San Pedro.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

August 1st

- **Entry 1:** Left berth at Long Beach, 6:58 P.M.
- **Draft Leaving:** F. 18' 03" / A. 24' 05" / M. 21' 04".
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.
- **Entry 2:** Paul L. Dennis, carpenter, has own tools on board. This man's pay hereby raised from \$112.50\$ to \$120.00 per month effective as of the day he signed articles as provided by existing labor agreements.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

August 3rd

- **Entry:** 1:00 P.M. Fire drill. Good pressure on all hoses. 1:05P.M. Abandon ship drill. Crew mustered and instructed in their duties. Motor lifeboat engine run for five minutes. 1:15P.M. Dismissal. All equipment found in good order.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

August 4th

- **Entry:** At 10:30 A.M. crossed westbound over longitude 136° West, passing from bonus area classification III into area II.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

August 5th

- **Entry:** Joseph B. Stroud, messman, found to have skin infection on both arms and hands, the worst part being on right elbow. Infected areas cleaned by soaking in warm water, calomel ointment and surgical dressing applied.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

August 6th

- **Entry:** At 10:00 AM Joseph B. Stroud, condition unchanged but no worse than yesterday. Same treatment continued. Man isolated.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

August 7th (Medical Update)

- **Entry:** Joseph B. Stroud, messman, sores have spread nearly over entire body. Soaking in weak permanganate of potash solution calamine applied with surgical dressings. Temperature 9:00 AM 99.8. Since outbreak of this disease Stroud has been isolated and has had his meals in ship's hospital.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

August 7th (Drills)

- **Entry:** 1:00 P.M. Fire drill, good pressure on all hoses. 1:10 P.M. Abandon ship drill. Crew mustered and boats lowered to embarkation deck. Motor lifeboat engine run for five minutes, both ahead and astern. Crew instructed in their duties. At 1:30 P.M. lifeboats secured and crew dismissed. Entire crew present at this drill and all equipment in good order.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

August 8th

- **Entry:** Joseph B. Stroud, messman, condition not improved. Sores continuing to spread. Patient feels weak. Temperature 100°. Vessel passing close to Honolulu and message sent ashore requesting medical aid. Small boat sent out, picked up Joseph B. Stroud and took him to shore doctor at 9³⁰ AM while vessel was lying off harbor entrance. At 11:30 A.M. United States shipping commissioner came aboard from small boat with advice that Joseph B. Stroud will be kept ashore in hospital. This man's payroll voucher turned over to shipping commissioner and Joseph B. Stroud entered on articles as "left in hospital" by shipping commissioner. The vessel did not enter harbor.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

August 13th – 14th

- **Entry:** Day lost crossing westbound over 180° west longitude. At 3:00 AM Aug 14th crossed westbound from bonus area II into area I. E. longitude time.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

August 14th

- **Entry:** 1:00 P.M. Fire drill. Good pressure on all hoses. 1:05 P.M. Abandon ship drill. Crew mustered and instructions given. 1:15 P.M. Dismissal. Entire crew present and all equipment in good order. Motor lifeboat engines tested.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

August 18th

- **Entry:** 1:00 P.M. Fire drill. All hoses used, good pressure. 1:05 P.M. Abandon ship drill. Crew mustered and instructed. 1¹⁵ P.M. Dismissal. All equipment in good order.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

August 22nd

- **Entry:** 1:10 P.M. Fire drill. Good pressure on all hoses. 1:20 P.M. Abandon ship drill. Crew mustered and instructions given. Motor lifeboat engines run for five minutes. 1:30 P.M. Dismissal. All equipment in good order and entire crew present.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

August 25th

- **Entry:** Arrived Batangas, P.I. \$10:56 A.M.
- **Draft Arriving:** F. 17' 06" / A. 21' 06" / M. 19' 06".
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

August 26th

- **Entry:** Bernard J. Yelinek, messman, injury to large right toe caused Aug. 3rd when he dropped a case of canned goods on foot. Sent to shore doctor who advised continuation of treatment already given aboard ship and consisted of hot Epsom soaks. Patient also has mild case of athlete's foot.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

August 30th

- **Entry:** B. J. Yelinek again sent to shore doctor G. Koore, 1st Lt. M.C. U.S. Army field dispensary at Batangas. Doctor advised rest for two days and continuation of soaks.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

September 1st

- **Entry:** B. J. Yelinek did not work 8/30, 8/31, or Sept 1st in accordance with doctor's order.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

September 2nd

- **Entry:** B. J. Yelinek resumed regular duty. Treatment continued.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay, C/O.

September 5th

- **Entry:** B. J. Yelinek sent again to shore doctor who removed toenail on right large toe. Doctor advised resting foot for three days. Yelinek told to stay off his feet as much as possible and not to work during this time.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

September 8th

- **Entry:** B. J. Yelinek, messman, returned to regular duty. Toe healing well.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

September 16th

- **Entry:** Left anchorage, Batangas, P.I. at 7:14 A.M.
- **Draft Leaving:** F. 17'06" / A. 21'06" / M. 19'06".
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

September 19th (Drills)

- **Entry:** 1:00 P.M. Fire drill. All hoses used, good pressure. 1:10 P.M. Abandon ship drill. Crew mustered at boat stations and instructions given. Motor lifeboat engines tested. 1:20 P.M. Crew dismissed. Entire crew present and all equipment in good order.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

September 19th (Medical)

- **Entry 1:** Otis D. Shreves, wiper, stomach cramps and vomiting. Thought to be result of sulfa tablets given by Port Dispensary to relieve minor case of diarrhea. Port Dispensary failed to tell him to take sulfa bicarbonate with sulfa tablets. This case of diarrhea occurred on Sept. 8th and quickly passed following sulfa treatment. Sulfa treatment was continued with bicarbonate of soda. Off duty today.
- **Entry 2:** Harold Lloyd, F.W.T. stomach cramps and diarrhea. Temperature normal, vomiting. Given paregoric. Off duty today.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

September 19th (Medical Update)

- **Entry:** Harold Lloyd condition unchanged. Off duty today, treatment continued.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

September 20th

- **Entry 1:** Angelo Sciascia, 2nd Ass't. Engineer, diarrhea, stomach cramps and vomiting. Treatment, Bismuth Subcarbonate, Paregoric and Sun Cholera Tablets. Off duty today.
- **Entry 2:** Otis D. Shreves, wiper, condition unchanged and treatment continued. Off duty today.
- **Entry 3:** Harold Lloyd, F.W.T. recovered and returned to duty.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

September 21st

- **Entry 1:** Otis D. Shreves, wiper, recovered and returned to duty at 1:00 P.M.
- **Entry 2:** Angelo Sciascia, 2nd Ass't. Engineer, recovered and returned to duty at 4:00 P.M.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

September 21st

- **Entry 1:** Earl D. Elliott at 9:00 P.M. while on watch found to have temperature of 102° and feeling of weakness.
- **Action Taken:** Man relieved from duty, put to bed with instructions to keep covered up.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

September 23rd

- **Entry:** Earl D. Elliott, A.B. recovered and returned to duty at 8:00 A.M.

- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

September 24th

- **Entry:** Arrived Eniwetok 12:31 P.M.
- **Draft on Arrival:** F. 12' 07" / A. 20' 09" / M. 19' 02".
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

September 25th

- **Entry:** Sailed from Eniwetok 6:53 P.M.
- **Draft at Sailing:** F. 17' 04" / A. 24' 01" / M. 20' 08 1/2".
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

September 26th (Medical)

- **Entry:** William J. Kanihan, acting A.B. slight temperature and stomach cramps.
- **Action Taken:** Relieved from duty and told to stay in bed covered up. Temperature 102°. Given Sun Cholera tablets to stop diarrhea, also aspirin for headache.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

September 26th (Drills)

- **Entry:** 1:00 P.M. Fire drill. All hoses manned, good pressure on each. 1:10 P.M. Abandon ship drill. Crew and passengers mustered at lifeboat stations and instructed in their duties. 1:17 P.M. Dismissal. Motor lifeboat engines run for five minutes. Entire crew and all passengers present at this drill and all equipment in good order.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

September 27th

- **Entry:** W. J. Kanihan, acting A.B., temperature normal and feeling better at 9:00 A.M. Still weak. Told to rest today.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

September 28th

- **Entry 1:** W. J. Kanihan, acting A.B. recovered and returned to duty at 8:00 P.M.
- **Entry 2:** James W. Howard acting A.B. found to be suffering from external hemorrhoids and unable to stand his watch from 4-8 P.M.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

September 29th

- **Entry:** J. W. Howard, acting A.B. large hemorrhoid. Given suppositories for relief and hot packs applied. Also mineral oil. Rest continued.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

September 29th

- **Entry 1:** Crossed eastbound over 180° meridian at 8:00 P.M. East longitude time. All bonus stopped except \$ 5:00 area bonus payable for today only.
- **Entry 2:** West longitude time. J. W. Howard, A.B., recovered and returned to duty at 8:00 P.M.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

October 2nd

- **Entry:** 1:00 P.M. Fire drill. Good pressure, all hoses used. 1:10 P.M. Abandon ship drill. Crew and passengers mustered at abandon ship stations, instructions given. Motor lifeboat engines run for five minutes. 1:10 P.M. dismissal. All crew members and passengers present at this drill and all equipment in good order.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

October 3rd

- **Entry:** 10:20 A.M. Line throwing gun drill held with crew members present. One charge fired from gun. All equipment found in first class condition.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

October 7th

- **Entry:** Arrived anchorage San Francisco 8:46 P.M.
- **Draft Arrival:** F. 15' 03" / A. 23' 06" / M. 19' 04 1/2".
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

October 8th (Arrival)

- **Entry:** Left anchorage San Francisco 8:57 A.M. Draft same as at arrival.
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

October 8th (Final Berth)

- **Entry:** Arrived berth Stockton 4:35 P.M.
- **Draft Arriving:** F. 15' 03" / A. 23' 06" / M. 19' 04 1/2".
- **Signatures:** D. J. Benson, Master; Ray H Hay C/O.

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I acknowledge having received the articles and cash as charged above.

WITNESS:

R. Lawrence

28. J. Benson

Master.

Walter H. Halsey